

Amendment to the Claims

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A corrugated cardboard blank ~~(2)~~ for the construction of a support, the blank comprising two main body forming panels ~~(4, 6)~~, a middle panel ~~(8)~~ between said body forming panels and two end panels ~~(10, 12)~~, each main body forming panel, and the middle panel ~~and at least one of the end panels~~ having opposing end flaps ~~(24, 26, 28, 30, 32)~~, characterised in that both end panels are provided with opposing end flaps.
2. (Currently Amended) A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein the end panels ~~(24, 26, 28, 30, 32)~~ of the blank are substantially identical in size.
3. (Currently Amended) A blank as claimed in ~~claim 1 or~~ claim 2 wherein fluting is formed in the longitudinal direction of the blank ~~(2)~~, ~~i.e.~~ from one end panel to the other.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) A blank as claimed in claim [4] 3 wherein each end flap ~~(30, 32)~~ of each end panel is 25% to 50% of the height of its corresponding panel.
6. (Currently Amended) A blank as claimed in ~~claim 4 or~~ claim 5 wherein the end flaps ~~(30, 32)~~ of one of the end panels are separated from the panel by means of reverse fold lines.
7. (Currently Amended) A corrugated cardboard support ~~(100)~~ comprising two substantially parallel opposing main body panels ~~(4, 6)~~ and two pairs of opposing side walls wherein at least one side wall is at least double the thickness of the main body

panels and the at least double thickness is provided by at least one side wall having end flaps that are folded outwardly and secured to said wall.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A support as claimed in claim 7 [8] wherein an overlapping outer layer (42) of the double layer of the side wall is provided with the end flaps (32) for folding outwardly and securing to the layer.

10. (Currently Amended) A corrugated cardboard support (400) formed from a blank (2) according to any one of claims 1 to 6 comprising two main body forming panels, a middle panel between said body forming panels and two end panels, each main body forming panel, and the middle panel having opposing end flaps with both end panels having opposing end flaps.

11. (Currently Amended) A corrugated cardboard pallet, the pallet comprising a top sheet (280), a base sheet (290) and at least one connecting member (300—380) between said top and said base sheets, the connecting member being formed from a blank (2) according to any one of claims 1 to 6 or a support (100) according to claims 7 or 10 comprising two main body forming panels, a middle panel between said body forming panels and two end panels, each main body forming panel, and the middle panel having opposing end flaps with both end panels provided with opposing end flaps..

12. (New) A corrugated cardboard pallet, the pallet comprising a top sheet, a base sheet and at least one connecting member between said top and said base sheets, the connecting member being formed from a blank comprising two substantially parallel opposing main body panels and two pairs of opposing side walls wherein at least one

side wall is at least double the thickness of the main body panels with the at least double thickness being provided by at least one side wall having end flaps that are folded outwardly and secured to said wall; and

an overlapping outer layer of the double layer of the side wall is provided with the end flaps for folding outwardly and securing to the layer.

13. (New) A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein fluting is formed in the longitudinal direction of the blank from one end panel to the other.

14. (New) A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein each end flap of each end panel is 25% to 50% of the height of its corresponding panel.

15. (New) A blank as claimed in claim 1 wherein the end flaps ~~(30, 32)~~ of one of the end panels are separated from the panel by means of reverse fold lines.

16. (New) A blank as claimed in claim 2 wherein each end flap of each end panel is 25% to 50% of the height of its corresponding panel.

17. (New) A blank as claimed in claim 2 wherein the end flaps of one of the end panels are separated from the panel by means of reverse fold lines.

18. (New) A blank as claimed in claim 3 wherein the end flaps of one of the end panels are separated from the panel by means of reverse fold lines.

19. (New) The corrugated cardboard support of claim 10 wherein the end panels of the blank are substantially identical in size.

20. (New) The corrugated cardboard pallet of claim 11 wherein the end panels of the blank are substantially identical in size.

21. (New) The corrugated cardboard support of claim 19 wherein fluting is formed in the longitudinal direction of the blank from one end panel to the other, wherein each end

flap of each end panel is 25% to 50% of the height of its corresponding panel, and wherein the end flaps of one of the end panels are separated from the panel by reverse fold lines.

22. (New) The corrugated cardboard pallet of claim 20 wherein fluting is formed in the longitudinal direction of the blank from one end panel to the other, wherein each end flap of each end panel is 25% to 50% of the height of its corresponding panel, and wherein the end flaps of one of the end panels are separated from the panel by reverse fold lines.